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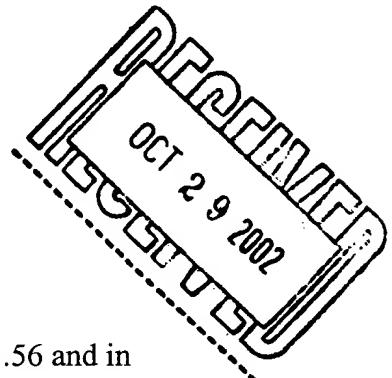


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In re Application of:)
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Filed: July 12, 2001)
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Sir:

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Each of the listed documents was cited in a Search Report from the European Patent Office in connection with a counterpart European application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

It is noted that EP 0 811 488 and JP 09-327914, listed on the Search Report, have previously been cited to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the Information Disclosure Statement dated February 22, 2002.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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